

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A system connecting an image information acquiring means to a data network for transmitting image information acquired as a digital image file in an image information acquiring operation ~~acquired~~ by the image information acquiring means, to the data network, and the system comprising :

- an input device for input of meta information regarding ~~the digital image file~~ a selected image, which comprises image information acquired ~~acquirable~~ by the image acquiring means;
- means for requesting the input of ~~the said~~ said meta information responsive to the ~~digital a selected~~ image acquired by the image acquiring means;
- means utilising a control file for dynamic control of the requesting of the meta information ~~by the means for requesting~~ , responsive to an inputted destination for the digital image file to request meta information in accordance with requirements of the inputted destination;
- means for connecting said meta information regarding said selected image to the digital image file in connection with an image information acquiring operation whereby said image information acquiring means acquires the image information of said selected image; and
- means for transmitting ~~the said~~ said meta information regarding ~~the digital said selected~~ image file and the digital image file to the data network ~~to the inputted destination~~.

6-15. (Canceled)